

# Benowa State High School (2150)

## Queensland State School Reporting

### 2012 School Annual Report



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## Principal's foreword

### Introduction

This Report contains a range of information in regard to the progress of Benowa State High School towards agreed goals. The school reporting period for 2012 saw a number of significant events occur that together position the school well within and beyond the Gold Coast education community. Most significantly was consultation that developed an Enrolment Management Plan (EMP) to help to position the Year 7 students to join the school's Junior Secondary program in 2015. A new dedicated multi-story building was assigned for the school in recognition of growth with construction due to commence in the 2013/14 financial year.

### School progress towards its goals in 2012

The 2012 AIP featured three key focus areas including pedagogical and curriculum frameworks, Data to Performance and the ICT focus of 1 to 1 Computers. The frameworks focus was commenced in 2012 and was scheduled to continue into 2013. By end of 2012 the ACARA core subjects had commenced unit planning in One School as determined through consultation with the school's Head of Department Team. The data to performance agenda was developed to promote increased access to student achievement evidence and to use the evidence to persuade and influence decisions about teaching practice.

Significant use of data in One School was seen to be a growing feature of practice across the school in 2012. In accordance with the NSCFF roll out, laptops were issued to all Year 9-12 students with a significant percentage uptaking the 'take home' provision offered by the school.

### Future outlook

Key considerations for Benowa State High School in 2012 included positioning the school for the introduction of Year 7 students to secondary schools (Flying Start) and the Independent Public Schools opportunity that may provide yet another level of autonomy for the school.

Using data to persuade and influence teacher differentiated practice remains a significant feature of the school's Professional Practice Model whilst collegial partnerships will be an important feature of developing this agenda to fruition.

School enrolment growth and facilities provision will continue to feature in school planning as will the school's commitment as a CIS school to continuing cycles of improvement. The school developed an enrolment cap set at 2100 students and will see facility provision to match this number of students beyond 2013.

# Our school at a glance

## School Profile

### Record:

Coeducational or single sex: Coeducational

Year levels offered in 2012: Year 8 - Year 12

Total student enrolments for this school:

	Total	Girls	Boys	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2010	1733	914	819	90%
2011	1847	952	895	92%
2012	1942	997	945	91%

Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

Characteristics of the student body:

Benowa State High School continues to enrol students for a range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds that is very representative of the Gold Coast community. There are more than 60 identified ethnicities in the school's enrolment demographic.

## Average Class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2010	2011	2012
Prep – Year 3			
Year 4 – Year 10	23	24	23
Year 11 – Year 12	20	21	22

## School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2010	2011	2012
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	351	329	323
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	24	40	33
Exclusions	10	2	20
Cancellations of Enrolment	18	24	7

# Our school at a glance

## Curriculum offerings

Our distinctive curriculum offerings:-

- Nationally recognised French Immersion program;
- Sporting Excellence program;
- Music Excellence program;
- Dance Excellence program;
- Middle Phase Steiner program;
- Distinct Middle and Senior Phase Philosophies;
- Three year senior subject studies;
- Distinctive vocational links with TAFE;
- Internationalism embedded across the curriculum.

Extra curricula activities:-

- International language and culture exchanges;
- International trips;
- Barrier Reef and Snow trips;
- ICT across the curriculum and across the school.

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning:-

- Embedded ICT in curriculum continues to be a high priority in the school technology planning;
- Staff are working towards Digital Pedagogical Licence and competence with the 'Symphony of Teaching & Learning' skills.
- All teaching spaces feature digital ceiling projectors, the school is MOE compliant and teaching staff have laptops.

## Social climate

Benowa State High School is well regarded in the wider community with its "Many Pathways ~ No Limits" vision statement realised on a weekly basis. The Inter-year Project (TIP) continues to provide an effective induction for Year 7 whilst the inclusion of International fee paying student program adds to the multicultural blend of the school. Benowa State High School has a firm no tolerance policy regarding bullying.

## Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

Benowa State High School has sustained an average enrolment growth of 5% for each of the last five years and feedback from the school community suggests that this is a reflection of the school's reputation. This reputation is founded in the school's four core values and in the achievements of students across a broad and comprehensive curricular and co-curricular program.

### Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown\*)

Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree that:	2012 <sup>#</sup>
their child is getting a good education at school	95.8%
this is a good school	91.7%
their child likes being at this school*	87.5%
their child feels safe at this school*	91.7%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school*	87.5%
their child is making good progress at this school*	87.5%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best*	91.3%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work*	78.3%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn*	87.5%

## Our school at a glance

teachers at this school treat students fairly*	83.3%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns*	91.3%
this school works with them to support their child's learning*	87.0%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously*	81.8%
student behaviour is well managed at this school*	87.5%
this school looks for ways to improve*	81.0%
this school is well maintained*	90.9%

### Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown\*)

Percentage of students who agree that:	2012 <sup>#</sup>
they are getting a good education at school	87.6%
they like being at their school*	86.9%
they feel safe at their school*	88.4%
their teachers motivate them to learn*	82.8%
their teachers expect them to do their best*	95.0%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work*	81.1%
teachers treat students fairly at their school*	75.4%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns*	59.7%
their school takes students' opinions seriously*	72.4%
student behaviour is well managed at their school*	76.9%
their school looks for ways to improve*	85.7%
their school is well maintained*	71.4%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things*	84.3%

### Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown\*)

Percentage of school staff who agree:	2012 <sup>#</sup>
that they have good access to quality professional development	61.2%
with the individual staff morale items	94.1%

\* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items were incorporated in the School Opinion Survey in 2012.

<sup>#</sup> Percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement. Due to changes to the School Opinion Surveys in 2012, comparisons with results for previous years are not recommended.

# Our school at a glance

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

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## Involving parents in their child's education

The Parents and Citizens Association remains as a long standing forum for parent involvement in the school and continues to benefit from a wide representation from the community in terms of profession, interest and P&C experience. In 2012, the association was influential in the air-conditioning of classrooms and a range of individual student support provisions including scholarships. The P&C will continue to air-condition both J and I block in 2013.

"Benowa Expos" provide the culmination from Year 7 to Year 8 transition and also the Senior Phase subject selection process. More than 2,000 people attend these important school community functions in 2012. Most significantly was discussion and planning to facilitate the selection of the Merit Application students for enrolment in Year 8 in 2014.

## Reducing the school's environmental footprint

Data is sourced from school's annual utilities return and is reliant on the accuracy of these returns.

The school has implemented measures to ensure our precious natural resources are respected and used efficiently throughout our business offices and service delivery. There was an anomaly in the billing process, when the electricity accounts from December 2010 through to June 2011 were received and paid in the 2011-2012 financial year. This delay in payment has resulted in inflating the 2011-2012 record and minimising the 2010/2011 return. A true indication of the school's usage will show 2010-2011 648532 kWh; 2011-2012 538528 kWh. We continue to monitor and minimise, where possible, our electricity consumption.

The school's installation of solar panels, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use, has been achieved as a result of the implementation of the state's *Solar and Energy Efficiency Schools Program*. Further as well as a successful *National Solar School's Program* grant application. You can follow our progress in reducing the school's environmental footprint at [solarschools.net](http://solarschools.net).

Initiatives such as the School Water Efficiency Program (SWEP) were implemented at our school to reduce water use and to meet mandatory Queensland Water Commission requirements. Positive results continue to be achieved under this program.

	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2009-2010	505,664	6,513
2010-2011	351,604	9,173
2011-2012	835,456	4,166

# Our staff profile

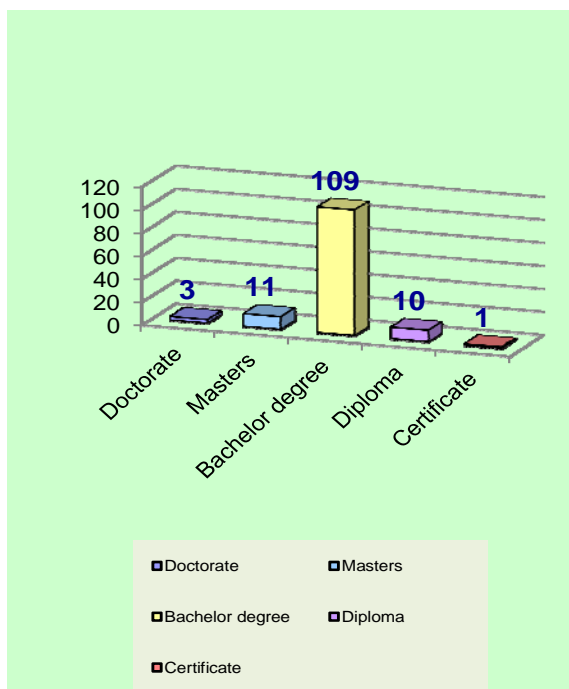
## Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

The staff figures below are based on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) 2012 census. In accordance with the EEO privacy provisions and to ensure confidentiality, the 'less than 5' rule has been applied in schools whose Indigenous staff numbers are less than five.

2012 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	134	50	<5
Full-time equivalents	125	37.4	<5

## Qualifications of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	3
Masters	11
Bachelor degree	109
Diploma	10
Certificate	1



## Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2012 were \$67,339.45. The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Curriculum and pedagogical framework;
- Curriculum in-service and conferences;
- Data-persuading and influencing (planning, teaching and learning);
- E-learning;
- Differentiated teaching;
- First aid training;
- ICT professional development.

## Our staff profile

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2012 was 100%.

Average staff attendance	2010	2011	2012
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	95.7%	95.3%	95.7%

### Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 98.6% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2012 school year.

### School income broken down by funding source

School income broken down by funding source is available via the My School website at

To access our income details, click on the *My School* link above. You will then be taken to the *My School* website with the following 'Find a school' text box.

**Find a school**

Search by school name

GO

Search by suburb, town or postcode

Sector ☐ Government ☐ Non-government

SEARCH

Where it says 'Search by school name', type in the name of the school you wish to view, and select <GO>. Read and follow the instructions on the next screen; you will be asked to accept the **Terms of Use** and Privacy Policy before being given access to the school's My School entry web page.

School financial information is available by selecting 'School finances' in the menu box in the top left corner of the school's entry web page. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of income by funding source.



# Performance of our students

## Key student outcomes

Student attendance	2010	2011	2012
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	91%	90%	91%
The overall attendance rate in 2012 for all Queensland state Secondary schools was 88%.			

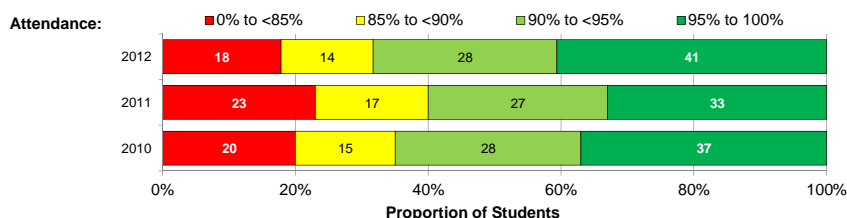
### Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2010								93%	91%	90%	89%	90%
2011								93%	90%	88%	89%	88%
2012								93%	91%	90%	90%	91%

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

### Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range.



### Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET policies, SMS-PR-029: Managing Student Absences and SMS-PR-036: Roll Marking in State Schools, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

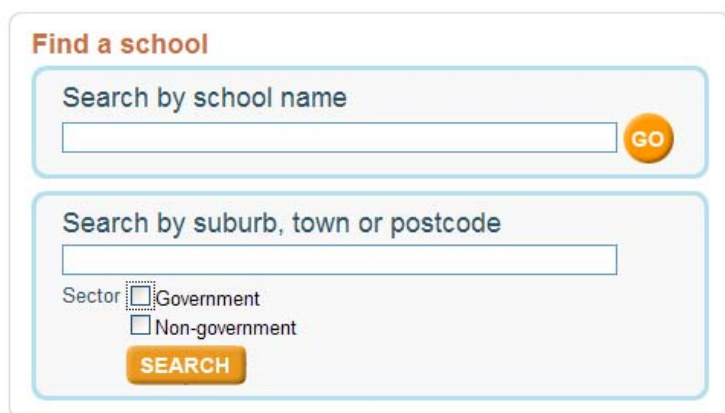
The school has implemented electronic marking to address issues of fractional truancy and the accuracy of roll marking. Year Co-ordinators and Phase Directors liaise with parents on issues of compulsory attendance that arise from systemic monitoring of student attendance. The school sends text messages to parents on a daily basis if their student has been marked with an unexplained absence for that day. The school issues "T" letters (now Form 4 and Form 5 documents) in accordance with the DET policy with very few students reaching recommendation for police intervention. Attendance is recorded in the ID Attend system of student attendance management and monitoring and follow up with parents is conducted by Directors of Phases.

### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results – our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are available via the My School website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

## Performance of our students

To access our NAPLAN results, click on the *My School* link above. You will then be taken to the *My School* website with the following 'Find a school' text box.



The screenshot shows a search interface titled "Find a school". It contains two main search sections. The first section, "Search by school name", has a text input field and an orange "GO" button. The second section, "Search by suburb, town or postcode", has a text input field, a "Sector" dropdown menu with "Government" and "Non-government" options, and an orange "SEARCH" button.

Where it says '**Search by school name**', type in the name of the school whose NAPLAN results you wish to view, and select <GO>.

Read and follow the instructions on the next screen; you will be asked to accept the **Terms of Use** and Privacy Policy before being able to access NAPLAN data.

If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of our school's NAPLAN results.

### Achievement – Closing the Gap

The schools Smart ATSI data 2011-2012 shows a positive correlation between attendance and academic improvement. The school's indigenous attendance rates are in Queensland's upper quartile averaging 89.8% across year levels.

# Performance of our students

## Apparent retention rates Year 10 to Year 12

	2010	2011	2012
Year 12 student enrolment as a percentage of the Year 10 student cohort.	81%	78%	88%

## Outcomes for our Year 12 cohorts

	2010	2011	2012
Number of students receiving a Senior Statement.	265	261	302
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate Individual Achievement.	0	0	0
Number of students receiving an Overall Position (OP).	119	114	114
Number of students who are completing/continuing a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT).	35	28	61
Number of students awarded one or more Vocational Educational Training (VET) qualifications (incl. SAT).	178	187	238
Number of students awarded an Australian Qualification Framework Certificate II or above.	102	98	146
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of Year 12.	221	244	269
Number of students awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD).	0	0	0
Percentage of OP/IBD eligible students with OP 1-15 or an IBD.	81%	75%	82%
Percentage of Year 12 students who are completing or completed a SAT or were awarded one or more of the following: QCE, IBD, VET qualification.	97%	100%	98%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving an offer.	84%	85%	93%

As at 2 May 2013. The above values exclude VISA students.

## Overall Position Bands (OP)

	Number of students in each Band for OP 1 to 25.				
	OP 1-5	OP 6-10	OP 11-15	OP 16-20	OP 21-25
2010	21	36	39	18	5
2011	17	38	30	27	2
2012	17	37	40	19	1

As at 2 May 2013. The above values exclude VISA students.

## Vocational Educational Training qualification (VET)

	Number of students awarded certificates under the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF).		
	Certificate I	Certificate II	Certificate III or above
2010	150	67	48
2011	174	44	67

# Performance of our students

2012	203	94	82
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As at 2 May 2013. The above values exclude VISA students.

Workplace readiness certificates at Cert 1 level were delivered to all non-QCS students

## Post-school destination information

At the time of publishing this School Annual Report, the results of the 2012 Year 12 cohort's post-school destinations survey, *Next Step – Student Destination Report* for the school were not available. Information about these post-school destinations of our students will be incorporated into this Report in September.

## Early leavers information

The destinations of young people who left the school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12, includes predominantly enrolment to other state high schools and transitions to the workforce. The opportunity for Senior Phase students to continue their learning at TAFE has reduced because of the significant fees now charged in most programs.

Occasionally (e.g. one or two) students who are in traineeships are offered full-time apprenticeships and they leave school.

Benowa SHS is similar to a number of schools in this geographic region in that there is a degree of transience within the local community. During the year of 2012, the school had students leave for alternative education sites and pathways, geographic locations or the workforce. The breakdown of these departures and destinations is highlighted below:

University (degree) - 40.7%

VET Cert IV+ - 9.7%

VET Cert III - 2.3%

VET Cert I–II/other – 5.1%

Apprentice – 2.3%

Trainee – 1.9%

The process of managing early leavers entails the following steps and procedures:

- Clearance Form – to cover return of school resources
- Determination of destination – another school (name) etc
- Exemption process followed for those exiting to TAFE or Workforce
- Cancellation processes completed on One School
- Exclusions are case managed by SGO in District office